GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE BILLS
P.C. THOMAS

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Post Offices are eligible for collecting telephone bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BSNL has requested for permission for allowing Co-operative Banks also to collect telephone bills in the States particularly in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a)&(b): All departmental Post Offices have been allowed to collect telephone bills. In addition, extra departmental branch and sub-post offices have also been authorized to collect telephone bills on selective basis.

(c) No, Sir. BSNL does not utilize the services of Co-operative Banks for collection of telephone bills as a policy.

(d)&(e): Do not arise in view of (c) above.